

Eco Congregation Action Flyer

Living Sustainably at Home and in Church. Inspired by
Climate Justice and Faith-Based Stewardship

At Home – Everyday Actions for a Greener Life



Energy & Waste

Switch to LED lighting and unplug devices when not in use.
Reduce heating use by layering clothing and using draft excluders.
Recycle properly and compost food waste.
Avoid single-use plastics—opt for reusable containers and bags.
Wash laundry in full loads and dry outdoors to reduce use of tumble driers.



Shopping & Consumption

Buy local and seasonal produce to reduce carbon footprint.
Reduce food waste by buying what you need.
Use leftovers or donate to foodbanks.
Choose Fairtrade and ethically sourced goods.
Repair, reuse, and repurpose before replacing items.



Travel & Mobility

Walk, cycle, or use public transport whenever possible.
Car share for church events or community activities.
Attend virtual meetings if available.
Fly less—consider local holidays.





Nature & Biodiversity

Plant pollinator-friendly flowers in gardens or window boxes.

Use peat free compost (Western Road site provides compost free of charge!).

Support local conservation efforts and wildlife charities.

Reduce lawn mowing frequency to encourage biodiversity.

Recycle

Increase recycling with domestic arrangements for plastic/cans/glass/paper/food.

Recycle electronics, cables, phones, chargers via approved outlets e.g. Western Road facilities.

Watch out for our NLK recycling calendar for 2026.

Eco-friendly Home Cleaning Tips

Reduce use of plastics in general e.g. bars of soap rather than bottles of liquid soap.

Use eco-friendly cleaning products or make your own e.g. sodium carbonate and vinegar to deep clean washing machine; eco-friendly washing up liquid and vinegar for windows.



Around the Church – Faith in Action



Worship & Teaching

Include climate prayers and reflections in services.
Host Creation-themed sermons and Bible studies.
Celebrate Season of Creation and Climate Sunday.



Church Buildings

Conduct an energy audit and switch to renewable suppliers.
Improve energy efficiency in lighting and heating (as part of sanctuary renovation).
Use eco-friendly cleaning products and reduce water waste.
Maximize building use to improve energy efficiencies.
Use of virtual meetings where appropriate to reduce travel and heating.



Recycle

Use recycling facilities in sanctuary and halls.
Watch out for new calendar of recycling activities across 2026!
Old cables, unwanted chargers
Medicine foil blisters
Unwanted spectacles



Church Grounds

Create a wildlife garden or bee-friendly space.
Install bird boxes or bug hotels.
Host community clean-up days or tree planting events. .





🤝 Community Engagement

Partner with local schools or groups for green projects.
Share resources on sustainable living and climate justice.
Join in Eco Congregation activities and initiatives.
Support EACHa and other local Food Banks.

🏆 Eco Congregation Awards

Work towards Gold Eco Church Awards through Eco-Congregation Scotland.
Use the Eco Survey to assess progress and set goals.
Support local, national and international action on climate change:
Local collaboration through Fellowship of Churches.
Ayrshire Climate Hub partnership.
Supporting Christian Aid activities across the world.
Toilet twinning to improve sanitation in areas of need.

